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GOVERNOR CARTER'S RESIGNATION.

The news that Governor Carter has resigned will come as a shock to the people of Hawaii and a great surprise to the people of the mainland. There have been rumors that the Governor had some thought of resigning, but these were not believed, partly because of the fact that an exciting election had just been held, and many irresponsible statements were being circulated; but more particularly because there did not appear to be any reason for such action.

There has been opposition to the Governor, to be sure, both within and without his party. But what strong man is there who does not have opposition? And that Governor Carter has been and is a strong man is beyond question.

There is absolutely no demand or desire for the Governor's resignation from within the party, and even his political opponents, with the exception of a few radicals, have opposed him from a political standpoint alone, and are personally friendly to him.

The one serious criticism, if it may be called such, which has been made of the Governor, is that he tries to personally attend to too many details. This criticism is, however, not such that it should be considered by the Governor or any one else, as a ground for taking so serious a step as vacating the chief executive office in the middle of his term.

The Advertiser has continuously maintained an independent attitude toward the Governor, supporting such of his acts as met its approval and criticising freely what it did not approve of. From such independent stand point, it believes that it voices practically the unanimous sentiment of the responsible citizens of Hawaii, when it says that the people of this Territory do not want the Governor to resign; that they believe that his administration has been honest, progressive and economical; that he has brought the Republican organization of the Territory to a high degree of efficiency and greatly reduced the race feeling engendered by the long struggle over annexation; that the close relations between himself and the President and the implicit confidence which the President has in him, are particularly valuable to Hawaii; that there is no man now known to be available, who can fill the office as satisfactorily or efficiently as he can.

The Advertiser believes that the Governor has been unduly sensitive to some of the opposition to him, and sincerely hopes that the President will, after considering the matter, request him to withdraw his resignation and that the Governor will do so.

COUNTY BUILDINGS.

A question to be decided within the next few days, is, where shall the County Officers be located?

The first point to be decided upon is, what offices are required? Under the County Act of two years ago, a large amount of space was required. The act gave to the county the assessment and collection of taxes; the care and administration of public works; the registry of deeds and a variety of other duties which are now left under the Territorial control. A much smaller office space will therefore suffice.

The offices needed are: 1. Police quarters; 2. clerk's office; 3. supervisors' meeting room; 4. auditor's office; 5. treasurer's office; 6. county attorney's office.

The greatest amount of space will be needed by the police force. The natural and proper place for police headquarters is the present police station. It was designed for that purpose and is most centrally and advantageously located.

Only two objections are made to turning it over to the county, viz: First, that the High Sheriff of the Territory needs it for his use; second, that it belongs to the Territory and there is no authority for turning it over to the County.

As to the first point, the High Sheriff of the Territory will occupy an analogous position to that of Federal Marshal. He will have a few deputies to serve process. He will have no police force. He will need no more space than Marshal Hendry, and he performs all his work in one room. The High Sheriff is incidentally in charge of the Territorial Jail. That institution has an office. Why is not that all sufficient to serve also as the High Sheriff's office as well?

As to the point that the police station belongs to the Territory, it amounts to nothing at all. It is a pure technicality, which has been met repeatedly already and can be overcome again if there is the will to do so.

The Territory owns the rooms occupied by the Federal Court, the clerk thereof, the Federal Judge, District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney, Revenue Collector, Post Office, Custom House and probably others. Technically it has no authority to allow any one but territorial officers to occupy them. As a matter of fact, however, the Territory is allowing all of these Federal authorities to occupy these offices, without paying rent therefor.

If the Territorial authorities are willing so to do, they can just as easily loan the police station to the County of Oahu as they can loan half of the lower floor of the Judiciary Building to the Federal court and its officers.

There is, in fact, much more reason for allowing the County to use Territorial buildings than allowing Federal officials such a privilege, because, if the federal officers were required to furnish their own quarters they would do so at Federal expense; whereas the people of Hawaii pay both County and Territorial expense.

In the last analysis, the taxpayer of Hawaii foots the bills, and whatever will diminish the expenses of the County will tend to benefit the taxpayers of the Territory as well as of the County.

As to the offices for other county officers, there is no reason why they should all be located in one place. The attorney will be fully provided for in an ordinary suite of lawyer's offices, and the auditor and treasurer will need only one room apiece. The supervisors will not need a room any larger than the ordinary corporation directors room, while the clerk will not want more than one or two rooms.

If the Territorial Government does not have rooms enough for these other officers, there are plenty of offices of the desired character available for rent on very reasonable terms.

MONEY FOR THE PARK.

Save for the plea that it is never too early to begin to do good, it might be deemed that any discussion of an appropriation for Kapiolani Park by the Supervisors of the County of Oahu is premature at this time. But, as a matter of fact, the park is an actual public necessity of Honolulu. It is a breathing space for all the people, and all the people are interested in having it kept up. This is a necessity which will become more and more apparent as the city grows. People, the people of cities, need play places. The need is recognized by all progressive communities. Golden Gate Park, in San Francisco, is the choicest possession that great city has, and the most cared for.

Entirely aside from the value of the park as an advertisement for the city a beauty spot that draws all tourists, is its value to the children of the city as giving an outlet for wholesome play in the open air. It is the place where the little ones of the tenements get close to nature, and grow as children should. And, as Honolulu grows, it will feel this need for its little ones more and more. The beauty of Kapiolani Park, a growing beauty, has already spread its fame, and it has become one of the standing attractions of Honolulu. Its popularity at home, relatively, is the popularity of Golden Gate Park in San Francisco. It is a popularity that will grow. The children need it as they need play places everywhere.

The Supervisors of Oahu can do nothing worthier than to begin at the earliest opportunity to consider the needs and demands of the little men and women—who will be the big men and women of the future. As their needs are met, so will they be better fitted to meet their duties in the coming time.

Y. W. C. A. BIRTHDAY FITTINGLY CELEBRATED

The birthday of the Y. W. C. A. was celebrated last night rather elaborately, and somewhat enjoyably. Mrs. E. W. Jordan presided, and introduced Mrs. Walter Frear, who gave an outline of the way in which the Y. W. C. A. was founded. Mrs. T. Peck sang most beautifully, and Miss Zuch played a violin solo in a finished manner.

Dr. Doremus Scudder was then introduced, and spoke of the work of women in the world, from the early Christian times to the present. He eulogized the nobility with which the women of today labored in helping the needy and raising the fallen, and spoke particularly of the work of the Y. W. C. A. In ringing tones he urged the members to remember that they had a part, and that they should not altogether rely upon the paid officers for everything.

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